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Attention is particularly called to

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1. Forty soldiers about 20 years old, wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying suitcases, marched from the Jueterbog railroad station to the Turm Kaserne in Jueterbog (N 52/E 69) on [] 1950. The soldiers were met by an officer at the station, where they arrived by train from Berlin.

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2. A convoy of eight trucks and one jeep was repeatedly seen in the streets of Jueterbog on [] 1950. The trucks were driven by young officers and field officers who presumably were undergoing drivers' training. The convoy entered the Turm Kaserne at []

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3. Eight officers and a general entered the Turm Kaserne in four staff cars at [] 1950. Rumor had it that a high-ranking general was expected to arrive in Jueterbog (1).

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4. At the Fuchsberg Kaserne two T-34 tanks, coming from the direction of Dorf Zinna, moved into the barracks [] 1950. Eight soldiers with field equipment and practice targets were seen on each tank.

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5. A convoy of two command cars with radio sets, two motorcycles, truck [] towing a gun of about 75 mm caliber, twelve motorcycles, and two T-34 tanks was seen in front of the Fuchsberg Kaserne at [] 1950. The vehicles were occupied by 35 to 40 troops wearing red-bordered black epauletts with tank insignia. A lieutenant colonel, two majors, a captain and two lieutenants riding passenger cars brought up the rear. The convoy returned to the Fuchsberg Kaserne at about [] 1950.

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6. One tank and truck [] left the Fuchsberg Kaserne on [] 1950. Four tanks and several trucks were cleaned in front of the garages of the Fuchsberg Kaserne on [] 1950. Four tanks moved into the barracks at about [] 1950.

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7. At the officers' riding hall near the military railroad station, six tanks, some trucks and one bus were being cleaned in front of the building, on [] A JS tank moved into the building

8. A rheinsdorf resident stated that tanks had conducted field exercises in the Rheinsdorf-Baerwalde area in late [] 1950. The troops bivouacked in woods south of Rheinsdorf. The tanks appeared in groups of 30 and were accompanied by jeeps with machine guns mounted on tripods, and by armored vehicles mounting two small-caliber guns. Infantry troops rode on the tanks (2).

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9. The following rail movements were observed in Gruena near Jueterbog:

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- a. A train carrying 16 trucks at 12:30 p.m. on [] 1950. []

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- b. A train of eight flatcars, each carrying a special heavy-duty truck, on the track toward Zossen at [] 1950. The drivers were with the trucks.

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c. Another train of eight coaches, one gondola car and nine boxcars, occupied by Soviet dependents at [redacted] 1950.

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d. A train carrying 20 tanks, one training tank, one armored scout car, one repair shop truck, one truck and two field kitchens at the railroad station at [redacted] 1950. One or two soldiers were observed on each vehicle.

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e. Another train carrying 30 tanks and a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts at noon on [redacted] 1950.

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f. A third train carrying 14 tanks with six bogie wheels on each side, six AT guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber, 12 trucks

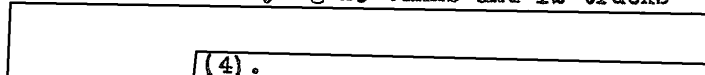
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[redacted] the armored personnel carriers and troops in four boxcars at [redacted] on [redacted] 1950. Some of the tanks were covered with tarpaulins.

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g. A train carrying 10 tanks and 12 trucks

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h. A train loaded with four T-34 tanks, four guns of about 75 mm caliber, six motorcycles, three passenger cars, bus [redacted] two boxcars of boxes and troops, three gondola cars of billeting equipment, three gondola cars of boards on [redacted] 1950 (5).

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1. A train carrying boards, beds, scrap iron and truck [redacted] arrived from the direction of Berlin on [redacted] 1950.

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10. The following information was obtained on the Jueterbog area:

a. [redacted] 1950 that all Wittenberg troops had gone to Jueterbog.

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b. [redacted] the camp was heavily occupied by troops, most of whom had allegedly come from Wittenberg and some directly from the U.S.S.R. The latter troops had never been in Germany before. The tanks in the camp allegedly numbered 200. Soviet dependents also lived in the camp.

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c. [redacted] about 40 tanks had been unloaded every night at Gruena near Jueterbog [redacted] 1950. The tanks had left toward Werder (6).

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d. [redacted] 40,000 troops were in Camp Werder (6).

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e. Most of the trucks observed since mid-April 1950 had blackout covers for their headlights.

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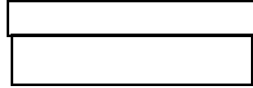
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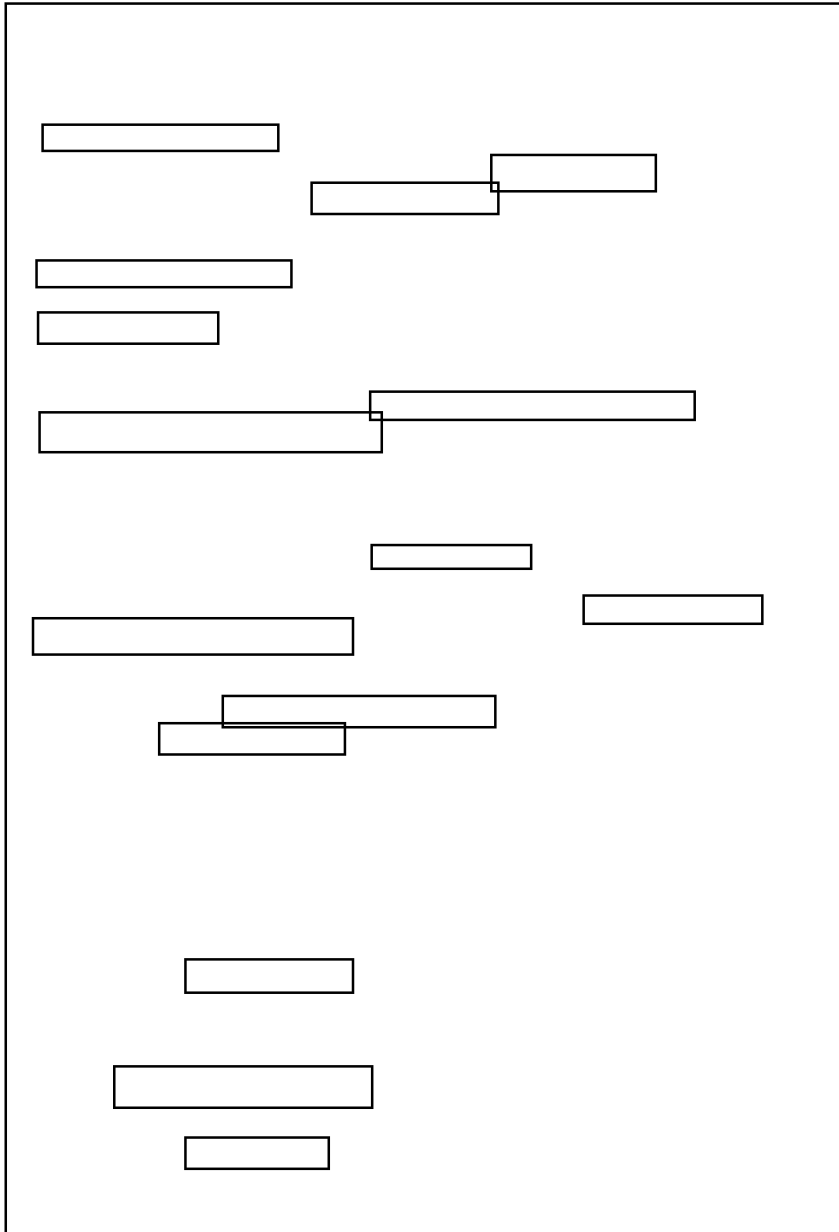
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Comments.

(1) The information on the occupation of the Jueterbog barracks and the training activity of the Jueterbog troops up to mid-April 1950 tallies with previous reports.

(2) [redacted] units from the Jueterbog military post held several days of field exercises in the area south of the post during the second half of March 1950.

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(3) Troops of a component unit of the 6th Gds Tank Div.

(4) The trains observed on [redacted] 1950 carried component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The two trains seen on [redacted] 1950 may have also carried tank components of this division.

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[redacted] trains with troops of the 7th Gds Tank Div heading toward Jueterbog, it is assumed that elements of the division went to the Werder-Markendorf training grounds as they did in 1949. [redacted]

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(5) A unit of the 14th Gds Mecz Div, presumably en route to Werder-Markendorf.

(6) The information confirms the transfer of the 6th Gds Tank Div to the Werder-Markendorf training grounds. The number of troops mentioned indicates that elements of several divisions were located there.

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it was possibly reassigned to another unit after the war. [redacted] a document found at the Leipzig-Schoenau Flak Kaserne in [redacted] 1949; it is possibly assigned to a component unit of the 21st Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] previously reported from Jueterbog; it is presumably assigned to a component unit of the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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